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TAGS: PFOR, EFIN, L/C, CZ

SUBJECT:PROPOSED VISIT OF CZECH DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE  
MINISTER

REF: PRAGUE 2307

WARSAW 5015

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS THAT AGREEING TO TRADE DEVELOPMENT  
VISIT BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PETER MIGHT  
ASSIST IN SECURING CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ESSENTIALLY ON OUR  
TERMS. IT MIGHT ALSO BE HELPFUL IN SPURRING  
ADDITIONAL CZECHOSLOVAK IMPORTS OF US GOODS BEYOND ALREADY  
SIGNIFICANT GROWTH THUS FAR THIS YEAR. WE NOTE US EXPORTS  
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TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE ABOUT 80 GREATER DURING FIRST HALF

1973 THAN SAME PERIOD 1972, AND VISIT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO CONTINUATION THIS FAVORABLE TREND.

2. SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE BY SECRETARY DENT AND UNDER SECRETARY CASEY, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE PETER AT SOME FUTURE DATE. CZECHOSLOVAKS WOULD HAVE TO UNDERSTAND FULLY THAT VISIT WOULD BE INFORMAL ONE AND THAT OWING TO STATUS OF TRADE LEGISLATION, WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ENGAGE IN ANY DISCUSSION ON A TRADE AGREEMENT. IF PETER WILLING TO COME TO US UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, COMMERCE COULD HELP ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS. WE WOULD ENVISION MEETINGS AT UNDER SECRETARY LEVEL IN COMMERCE AND STATE AND AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS IN OTHER AGENCIES. MEETINGS WOULD ALSO BE SCHEDULED WITH BUSINESS LEADERS AND ASSOCIATIONS WITH WHICH CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONTEMPLATING COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. WHILE WE NEED NOT MAKE VISIT CONTINGENT ON COMPLETION OF CLAIMS SETTLEMENT, EMBASSY SHOULD LET GOC KNOW THAT CLEAR PROSPECT OF SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR VISIT.

4. ON TIMING OF VISIT, WE WOULD SEE NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS WITH FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER AS SUGGESTED BY CZECHOSLOVAKS, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD EXPECT GOC TO BE FLEXIBLE ON THIS SCORE SHOULD SOMEWHAT LATER DATE BE DEEMED NECESSARY HERE.

5. EMBASSY PRAGUE SHOULD DEFER ANY APPROACH TO GOC PENDING FINAL INSTRUCTIONS.

6. FOR MOSCOW: REQUEST VIEWS OF DEPARTMENT PRINCIPALS ATTENDING MEETING JOINT US-SOVIET COMMERCIAL COMMISSION. KISSINGER

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